

the President signed into law. This law requires that before American troops are deployed to Kosovo, the President must (1) certify that the presence of U.S. forces in Kosovo is necessary to the national security interests of the United States; (2) provide the reasoning behind this certification; (3) report the number of American men and women who will be deployed; (4) establish the mission and objectives of U.S. forces in Kosovo; (5) detail the expected schedule for accomplishing mission objectives; (6) outline the exit strategy for U.S. forces; (7) provide an estimate of the costs of the deployment and the funding sources that will be used to pay those costs; and (8) estimate and report the potential effects of this additional deployment on the morale, retention, and effectiveness of the Armed Forces.

These eight requirements are, in my view, the minimum amount of information a President should provide the people and their duly elected representatives prior to sending American men and women into harms way. President Clinton should follow the example of President Bush in the months leading up to the American deployments and military action in Operation Desert Storm. During that time, President Bush reached out to Congress and the American people to explain why the action was necessary and the extent and nature of its risks. Not only does President Clinton have a moral and ethical obligation to the American people to explain our interests before risking the lives of our soldiers, he has a legal obligation to report to Congress, as well. Congress was clear in its requirements, and the President must be held accountable to the law.

Regarding the interests at stake in Kosovo, it is clear that the conflict represents very little threat to American military, diplomatic, economic, or other interests. While protecting human rights is clearly an important goal of American foreign policy, it is unclear whether the deployment of U.S. ground forces will serve or complicate attempts to accomplish this goal. A long-term solution would likely be all the more difficult to reach if the U.S. intervenes as Turkey, Greece, and Russia would all likely oppose such an action. Intervention would, therefore, put U.S. troops at odds with allies and adversaries alike.

While it is unclear what effect American military action would have in Kosovo at this time, it is obvious that the current fighting has significant ramifications for Europe and North Africa. Albanian minorities in Montenegro and Greece will take cues from the international response to Kosovo, and Albania itself could face severe difficulties if NATO actions force the repatriation of tens of thousands of refugees. Clearly, Europe has an interest in stopping the violence and the flow of refugees from Yugoslavia. It is the nations of Europe, therefore, that should lead the peace effort in Kosovo and that should bear the human and economic costs of any military action.

Finally, I believe the United States should be very wary of setting a precedent for supporting independence movements within sovereign nations. While there is no doubt that Serbian forces have committed and, apparently, continue to commit deplorable acts of violence and oppression, there are political mi-

norities in virtually every country in the world that legitimately claim some degree of oppression. I do not think the American people are ready to deploy U.S. armed forces throughout the world to establish new countries for every group that seeks greater political influence. And I know that our armed forces—already stretched so thin that our readiness for engagement in a major contingency has come into question—will find it even more difficult to accomplish their primary function of national defense if the President chooses to engage in yet another unfunded, open-ended operation on foreign soil.

I have traveled to Bosnia three times and have great sympathy for all of the people living on the Balkan Peninsula. I also have great respect for the accomplishments of the peacekeeping effort in Bosnia. The crisis in Kosovo, however, represents a very different threat in need of a very different solution. I do not believe that the deployment of ground troops will serve the interest of peace, the interest of human rights, or the interests of the United States.

Furthermore, I demand that President Clinton and his administration abide by the law and provide Congress and the American people the information required under the Fiscal Year 1999 Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 105-262). Only through full disclosure will Congress and the American people have all the facts necessary to make a fully informed decision regarding the proposed deployment.

#### TERRY MCGINTY HONORED

#### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring the achievements of Mr. Terry McGinty to the attention of my colleagues. The Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick will honor Terry as their "Man of the Year" at this year's annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet. I am pleased to have been asked to participate in this event.

Terry is the son of Terry McGinty, Sr. and Mary Catherine McGinty of Inkerman, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Pittston Area High School and Mansfield University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education. Terry worked for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for seventeen years, then moved to the Pittston Area School District to teach in the special education department. Currently, he teaches special needs students at the Martin L. Mattei Middle School. In 1990, Mr. McGinty was awarded the Annie Sullivan Award for Excellence in Teaching by the Luzerne County Intermediate Unit for his years of dedication to his special students.

Terry's love of sports has continued throughout his life. He has been a volunteer coach in several different youth sports programs including soccer and t-ball. He jointly volunteered his time with Luzerne County Commons Pleas Court Judge Mark Ciavarella at the Catholic Youth Center as coach of the

girl's swim team. Terry was honored by the Center in 1997 after leading the team to seven consecutive, undefeated championship seasons.

He has assisted coaching at the high school level in both swimming and track and has organized and coached summer programs in swimming. Terry is an avid runner and has completed two marathons and participated in triathlons and numerous other local races.

Terry and his wife, Lynn, have been hosts for Project Children which brings children from Northern Ireland to America for the summer. In 1987, the McGintys visited the family of one of their visitors in Ireland. Terry has been an active member of the Friendly Sons for many years, serving as its President in 1986 and as Program Chairman for the annual banquet for seventeen years.

Terry is a member of the American Federation of Teachers, the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Laflin Homeowners Association. He and Lynn reside in Laflin and are the parents of two high school age children: Kelly and Terry, III.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join with the Friendly Sons in honoring this fine educator and community volunteer as its "Man of the Year." I send my very best wishes to Terry and his family as he accepts this prestigious award.

#### HONORING MS. ELA CECILE TONEY

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Ela Cecile Toney, for her exemplary community service, and for her numerous contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Ms. Toney is a registered nurse and works as a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner at Interfaith Medical Center. Her primary interests include reduction of teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. Throughout Ela Toney's tenure she has worked in many low income community health care organizations. She has practiced in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brownsville, East New York and Coney Island. She is a dedicated nurse who is extremely concerned about the women of her community and has lobbied in Albany to make women's health top priority.

Ms. Toney immigrated to the United States from St. Vincent and the Grenadines four decades ago. Her dream was to educate herself and help others. She has achieved both goals. She is a graduate of the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital School of Nursing and she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in nursing from Jersey City State College. Ms. Toney is a grandmother and an active member in many professional and charitable organizations.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Ms. Ela Cecile Toney, who has served the Brooklyn community with pride, and is an excellent role model.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 1999*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 36 on March 10, 1999, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CONSUMER  
INCENTIVE TAX ACT**HON. MAC COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 1999*

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Electric Vehicle Consumer Incentive Tax Act "EVCITA" of 1999. This legislation provides important tax incentives for electric vehicles. It is important because the widespread use of electric vehicles can result in significant environmental, energy security, and economic development opportunities in the United States.

HOW CAN ELECTRIC VEHICLES TAX INCENTIVES BENEFIT  
THE ECONOMY?

Each major automobile manufacturer, domestic and foreign, has, or plans to offer, electric vehicles for sale or lease. As in the case with any new, advanced technology that is initially offered to consumers, the price of these early vehicles is significantly higher than the expected lower price for EVs when greater volumes are achieved. The government can play a role in making these vehicles more affordable by reducing the tax costs. Doing so can help increase consumer access and stimulate rapid growth of the industry.

WHY ARE ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND STATE/LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS INTERESTED IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES?

Many metropolitan areas in the United States suffer from poor air quality and are falling under the definition of "non-attainment zones." The use of electric vehicles, especially in these areas, could provide an effective means to reduce transportation-related pollution. Electric vehicles emit no hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide or nitrogen oxides.

WHY ARE ELECTRIC VEHICLES IMPORTANT TO ENERGY  
SECURITY?

According to the Department of Energy, U.S. net imports of petroleum in the year 2000 are forecast to account for 52 percent of total U.S. petroleum demand, up from an estimated 50 percent in 1998. Making alternative fuel vehicles a more affordable option ensures lower dependency on foreign supply.

## HOW THE LEGISLATION WOULD WORK

One key to weaning the country off of imported oil and into alternative fuel vehicles, like electric cars and buses, is bringing down the high initial purchase price of the vehicles and assuring that targeted, early markets are better able to take the steps necessary to purchase the vehicles. The provisions included in the EV Consumer Incentive Tax Act of 1999 are intended to do just that. The tax incentives

included in EVCITA will make early EVs and electric buses more affordable to consumers, and will allow an important market segment—governments, universities and other non-tax-paying fleets—to take advantage of the savings provided through the federal tax incentive.

## TAX EQUITY FOR OVERSIZED ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Under current law, electric powered buses are allowed to only take advantage of the existing \$4,000 tax credit for electric vehicles while all other alternatively fueled buses are eligible for a \$50,000 tax deduction. EVCITA equalizes the tax treatment by allowing oversized electric vehicles the same benefit provided oversized clean-fuel vehicles. Electric buses can be used by many urban transit authorities. According to the Electric Transit Vehicle Institute, there are 179 electric buses in operation throughout the United States as of December, 1998.

MAXIMIZING THE BENEFIT OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE TAX  
CREDIT

Current law provides a tax credit of the lesser of 10% or \$4,000 against the cost of a standard-size electric vehicle. This provision expires December 31, 2004. The investment value of this credit has eroded since its enactment in 1992. EVCITA will restore the value of the credit by making the benefit a flat \$4,000 against the cost of the vehicle. In addition, this legislation will extend the credit through December 31, 2008.

PROVIDING FEDERAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THE  
BENEFIT OF REDUCED COSTS

Current law prohibits the use of tax credits for electric vehicles used by a federal, state or local government entity. Across the country, local municipalities are leading the charge in reducing environmental costs by putting electric vehicles into service. In instances where local governments lease electric vehicles, EVCITA will permit the owner of the vehicle to be eligible for the tax benefit.

## ENDORSEMENTS

The provisions of this legislation have been endorsed by the following organizations: Union of Concerned Scientists, Coalition for Clean Air, American Methanol Institute, the Georgia Conservancy, the Edison Electric Institute, the Electric Transportation Coalition, Clean Cities—Atlanta, the Southern Coalition for Advanced Transportation, Georgia Power, and the Clean Air Campaign.

The provisions of the EV Consumer Incentive Act of 1999 are comparatively modest in cost. According to the Joint Tax Committee estimate provided in 1998, the cost associated with the provisions of the EV Consumer Incentive Tax Act between FY 1999–2002 was \$44 million. These tax incentives will help ensure that electric vehicles are a viable transportation option for consumers.

## THOMAS M. LOUGHNEY HONORED

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 1999*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Thomas M. Loughney from

Pennsylvania's Eleventh Congressional District. The Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick will bestow the W. Francis Swingle award upon Mr. Loughney at their annual banquet this year. I am proud to have been asked to participate in this event.

The Swingle award is named for Professor Frank Swingle and is given each year to the member who most honors his memory in career and personal achievement. Tom Loughney is an excellent choice for this year's honor.

Tom is a graduate of St. John's High School and the University of Scranton. He completed his graduate work at Drexel University and George Washington University. Tom served with the Department of Defense for thirty-two years as an electronic engineer. One of the highlights of his distinguished career was his participation in the Mallard Project, a joint, cooperative communications development program, sponsored by the United States, Australia, Canada, and England. Since his retirement, Tom has been a consultant for Logistics Engineering.

Tom has been an active member of the Society of Logistics Engineers throughout his career, at one time serving on the Society's Board of Directors and on the Board of Governors of the Logistics Education Foundation. He is also a Certified Professional Logistician.

Tom combined an active career, community, and family life with a love for his ancestral country. He first visited Ireland on his honeymoon with his wife, Maureen, and has returned more than twenty-five times. He is active in the Knights of Columbus and was Home Association President for two years during the purchasing and renovation of its building in the late 1950s. He is also a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Jersey Shore and the Irish Federation of Monmouth County, New Jersey. He was founder and General Chairman of the "Afternoon in Ireland" event held each year in Monmouth County.

Although born and raised in Pittston, Pennsylvania, he now lives with his wife in Middletown, New Jersey. Tom and Maureen have four grown children, Tom, Jr., Mike, Dan, and Maureen, all pursuing careers around the country.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the Friendly Sons in congratulating Tom on this prestigious honor and send my very best wishes for continued health and happiness.

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE AIR FORCE JUDGE ADVOCATE  
GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT**HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 1999*

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding men and women, past and present, active and reserve, of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department on the occasion of the Department's 50th Anniversary. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, the second Chief of Staff of the Air Force, officially created the Judge Advocate